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MISSOULA--

Dr. Richard Vandiver, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Montana in Missoula, has announced that the Montana Board of Crime Control has awarded \$7,802 to UM for criminal justice internships for the 1977-78 academic year.

The University is contributing matching funds totaling \$867 for the project, bringing the total available for the project to \$8,669.

Under this project, a total of 14 students will devote one quarter in a combination work and study program in criminal justice agencies.

Students, primarily in behavioral science departments, may apply through the UM Department of Sociology for an internship during any of the quarters of the 1977-78 academic year. Deadline for applications for fall quarter is Aug. 15.

"Internships are awarded on a competitive basis to students who have clear intention and potential for pursuing a career in criminal justice," Vandiver said. "Competition is based on quality of academic preparation for work in criminal justice and the quality of academic and field work plans."

Law enforcement, courts or corrections agencies dealing with either adults or juveniles are acceptable. Students learn about the professional work of the agency by spending at least 20 hours per week for 12 weeks as an intern. Under the total grant, 90 percent of which is funded by the Board of Crime Control and 10 percent by the University of Montana, students are paid \$50 per week.

"Both students and criminal justice agencies have found the internships to be valuable as learning experiences and for providing skilled help to the agencies," Vandiver said. "Many of the students who have had internship experience with criminal justice agencies have been hired to work in the criminal justice system."

Students may obtain further information and application forms by contacting Vandiver, Room 325 of Turner Hall, or from the Department of Sociology, Room 408 of the Liberal Arts Building, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59812.